

Resolution declares March 30, 2009 “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”

Washington, DC - Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA) introduced legislation today to provide long overdue recognition to thousands of Vietnam War veterans for their dedicated service to our country by designating March 30, 2009 as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.” March 30 is intended to recognize the day when the last U.S. combat troops completed their service and left Vietnam.

“With this legislation, we can help provide Vietnam veterans the heroes’ welcome they deserve, but that too many never received,” said Rep. Linda Sánchez. “I have introduced this resolution every Congress since I was elected, and I will continue to do so every year to come. Our duty as citizens and representatives is to serve and remember those who have served our country.”

Rep. Sánchez began her work to honor Vietnam veterans in 2003, following a meeting with her constituent Jose Ramos, a Vietnam veteran from Whittier, CA who had worked tirelessly to recognize his fellow veterans. Since then “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” has received broad bipartisan support by the House of Representatives after Rep. Sánchez introduced it in the 108th, 109th, and 110th Congresses.

“This day of recognition came about because of the work and determination of one unwavering veteran,” said Rep. Sánchez. “Jose Ramos’ belief and dedication to honor other Vietnam veterans has spread across the entire country and millions have been touched by his work.”

Rep. Linda Sánchez hosts a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration event in her district to help honor and recognize the many Vietnam veterans who returned to the United States in the 1960’s and 1970’s without a formal “thank you” or “welcome home” as has traditionally been given to returning service members in our nation. This year, the event will take place Sunday, March 29 in Whittier, CA at the California High School Football Field from 11:00am-6:00pm. For more information on this event, please call Congresswoman Linda Sánchez’ district office at 562-860-5050.